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ANNETTE WILLIAMS REPLACES LINDA DILLOW AS TOWN'S CITY CLERK

New Brockton's Town Council now complete

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council is now complete. The first item of business addressed by the council Monday evening was to fill the District 4 vacancy.

Mayor Britt Lee entertained a motion that Ricky Strickland be elected by the council to serve as the representative from District 4. Council member Linda Gilbert made the motion which was seconded by Councilman Ron McMonagle. The vote was unanimous.

Immediately following the vote, Doris Danford administered the oath-of-office to Mr. Strickland who then took his seat on the council.

Mayor Lee asked for a motion that Ron McMonagle be elected mayor pro tempore. Newly elected councilman Strickland made the motion; however, it died for the lack of a second.

During the discussion of the minutes, the question of electing a mayor pro tempore arose again. In the previous meeting, the council had voted to give the mayor the authority to appoint the mayor pro tempore of his choice.

Councilman Charles Cole expressed his concern about the legality of this relinquishing of power. He noted that according to state statute, the council cannot give that authority to the mayor.

Cole asked that the city's attorney, Joe Sawyer, advise them on the proper procedure.

Sawyer told council members that he had checked with one of the lawyers with the Alabama League of Municipalities and that he was prepared to advise the council on the matter.

He stated that the position of mayor pro tempore has to be voted on by the council at-large. This appointment/election cannot be delegated or passed on to the mayor or anyone else.

Councilman Harrison asked Sawyer about other positions that have to be filled by either the council or mayor.

Sawyer said that there are two positions that have to be voted on by the council - mayor pro tempore and city clerk/treasurer.

You can delegate other positions of authority that you work on such as the police chief and those type positions," he said.

Once again, Mayor Lee called for a motion to elect Ron McMonagle as mayor pro tempore. This time the motion was made by Councilman Strickland and seconded by Councilman Harrison.

During the discussion of the motion, Senior member of the council, Charles Cole, commented that he was disappointed that his 12 years on the council (Cole was the only re-

turning member of the council from the previous administration) did not warrant a discussion as to his being elected mayor pro tempore.

"I knew I wouldn't get it, I expected it, but because of my service and experience, I deserved it and I just wanted you (the council) to know that I'm disappointed the vote was not at least spoken to. That is my discussion," said Cole.

The vote was taken and Cole cast the lone dissenting vote.

Mayor Lee asked for a motion from the council that Mrs. Annette Williams be hired as city clerk. Councilman McMonagle made the motion that she be hired at a beginning salary of \$6.50 per hour and a 40-hour work week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harrison.

During the discussion of McMonagle's motion, Councilman Cole asked that the council consider paying Linda Dillow, the present city clerk, severance pay.

"We're giving up a lot of experience. She's (Dillow) done a good job," said Cole.

An amended motion was offered by Cole that Dillow be paid a severance pay (an amount to be agreed on by the mayor and Dillow), accrued vacation and sick leave, and the 40 hours of hold-back that she was not paid during the previous administration.

Both the amended motion offered

by Cole pertaining to Dillow's pay and the motion to hire Williams were unanimously passed by the council.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department answered 18 complaints and made 8 arrests during the past month. Police officers issued 49 traffic citations while the rescue squad made 21 runs and the fire department answered 3 calls.

The final action taken by the council was to vote unanimously to retain all present city employees - chief of police, police officers, street department employees, etc. - in their present position and rate of pay.

In other matters of business the council took the following actions:

***Approved the purchase of four (4) new tires for one of the police cars. The tires are to be purchased on state bid from Coffee Auto Repair at a cost of \$229.50.

***Approved the repair of the trash truck at a cost of \$305.18. The work is to be done by Coffee Auto Repair.

***Reviewed and approved payment of bills totaling \$7,443.02.

***Approved Mrs. Williams' attendance to a seminar for new city clerks sponsored by the League of Municipalities.



DORIS DANFORD ADMINISTERS OAT TO RICKY STRICKLAND

***Approved the purchase of ammunition to be used by police officers, both fulltime and reserve, for weapon qualification. The ammo will be purchased from Wal-Mart at a cost of approximately \$255.00.

***Appointed Councilman Harrison in lieu of Councilmember Linda Gilbert to oversee recreation.

***Charles Driggers was reappointed to the parks and recreation board.

***Approved the hiring of Delane Holloway as a full-time police officer at a pay rate of \$6.25 per hour.

***Voted to reinstate Jerry Gilbert to the police department on a part-time status - a maximum of 4 hours per day. He will be performing administrative type duties only - reading data into computers, etc.

***Approved repair of a spare computer at a cost of \$75.00.



ELBA RECEIVES FUNDS....the Southeast Alabama Gas District recently presented the City of Elba with a check for \$8,500.00. The funds can be used by the city for economic development enhancement programs. These funds are not a supplement to the distribution of profits from the Gas District and does not effect those funds. Pictured above is Elba City Councilman Wayne Sharpless (second from left), who serves on the Gas District Board of Directors, presenting the check to Elba Mayor James Grimes (center). Looking on are: Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce Barbara Hudson (extreme left) and Jim Smith, General Manager of the Gas District (second from right); and Herby McCall, President of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Election '96 now a matter of record

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The race for the President of the United States attracted the largest number of voters (14159) in Coffee County.

Based on the number of votes cast in that race (14,159) approximately 62 percent of the registered voters in the county went to the polls.

The following are the unofficial vote totals in all the races contested within Coffee County. They do not reflect the totals statewide or nationwide.

PRESIDENTIAL RACE
Clinton/Gore.....5,168
Browne/Jorgensen.....121
Dole/Kemp.....7,805
Hagelin/Tompkins.....12
Harris/Garza.....3
Pera/Choate.....1,042
Phillips/Titus.....8

U. S. SENATE
Bedford.....5,630
Thornton.....238
Sessions.....7,611
Heber.....113

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
Gaines.....4,735
Probst.....181
Everett.....8,592

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ALABAMA SUPREME COURT
Place No. 1
Ingram.....5,292
See.....7,799

ALABAMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS
Thigpen.....4,831
Thompson.....6,972

JUDGE ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
Place 1
North.....4,947
McMillan.....6,682

JUDGE ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
Place 2
Copeland.....4,963
Baschab.....6,427

JUDGE

ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
Place 3
Sorrells.....5,488
Brown.....6,170

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
President
Folsom.....4,515
Chappell.....3,359
Sullivan.....7,607

The following are vote totals for local races.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
District 2
Pittman.....772
Lewis.....878
Ziglar.....470

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
District 4
Dalrymple.....1,116
Thompson.....845

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
District 6
Averett.....1,216
McDaniel.....320

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
District 7
Cardwell.....400
Grimley.....1,964

The following Coffee County Commissioners' names appeared on the ballot but had no opposition in the general election. They were as follows: Linda Westbrook - District 1; Robert Stephens - District 3; and Bernest Brooks - District 5.

COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
District 1
Walker.....1,194
Nelson.....391

Danny Jernigan, Coffee County School Board Member from District 7, drew no opposition in the general election.

COFFEE COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER

Burns.....7,189
Sims.....5,760

CONSTABLE
Beat 17
Love.....2,364
Nowicki.....3,357
Lunsford.....500

Other constables elected without opposition were as follows: Richard J. Patterson, Beat 1; John H. Jackson, Beat 2; Donnie Farris, Beat 6; Robert Preachers, Beat 7; Terry Wilkins, Beat 8; Aubrey Harbuck, Beat 9; Michael D. Cowart, Beat 10; Ronnie Shiver, Beat 11; Ted Rugg, Beat 15; and Wayne Farris, Beat 16.

Voting on the constitutional amendments went as follows:

AMENDMENT ONE
Yes.....7,410
No.....1,364

AMENDMENT TWO
Yes.....4,747
No.....3,747

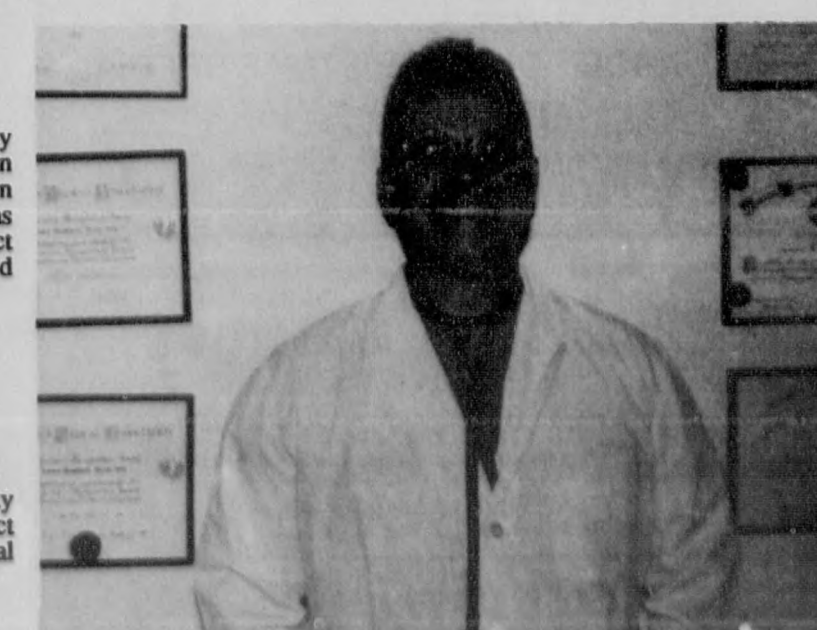
AMENDMENT THREE
Yes.....5,612
No.....2,028

AMENDMENT FOUR
Yes.....2,963
No.....2,531

AMENDMENT FIVE
Yes.....2,767
No.....2,327

NEWS BRIEF

A Covington County jury recently found Marcus Lerone Cook, age 21, not guilty of the charge of murder in the death of an Opp man. Cook, along with three other youths, were charged with murder in the beating death of John D. Wilson, Sr., 85, of Opp. The robbery and beating occurred on August 15, 1994. Wilson died on August 26, 1994 as a result of injuries sustained in the assault and robbery. Derrick Mount, age 17, of Opp was found guilty; Letteron Djon Stouemire, age 19, was found not guilty; and Nicholas Darrell Rayborn, age 21, of Opp has not been tried.



ACADEMY HONORS LOCAL DOCTOR....The American Academy of Family Physicians announced that Lance K. Dyess, M.D. of Elba has been awarded the Degree of Fellow of the Academy in recognition of his interest and participation in special education efforts through the Academy. This certifies the high degree of Dr. Dyess' professional competence in the quality of health care he provides to the people of his area. Dr. Dyess was initially certified as a Diplomate of the Academy in 1985 and subsequently has continued recertification by passage of Board Examinations on a seven year basis in the interim. Dr. Dyess has been in practice in Elba since 1985. His office is located on Claxton Avenue.

HAPPENINGS

IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. The Brantley Bulldogs are at home against J. U. Blacksher; and Zion Chapel is at home against New Brockton on Thursday night (TONIGHT) with kick-off at 7:00 p.m.; Friday night Elba travels to Monroe County; and the Klanton Bulldogs are host to Houston Academy. Kick-off time for these games is 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SET. Elba's Ninth Annual Christmas Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, November 30, 1996, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the courthouse square. Call the Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125 for further details.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT. The Little Miss Christmas, Junior Miss Christmas, and Miss Christmas Pageant will be held on the square during the Elba Christmas Festival on Saturday, November 30, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. Dress will be casual. Entrance fee is \$10.00 with prizes for all participants. The pageant is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For further information, contact Starla Aminon at 897-6969 (evenings) or Barbara Hudson at 897-3125.

FREE HEALTH SERVICES. During the month of November (National Health Care Month) nurses from Home Care Services in Elba will be performing free blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol screenings for the public at the following locations and times: Medical Arts Pharmacy, Friday, Nov. 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Haywood Drugs, Tuesday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Whitman Drug, Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

CANCER SOCIETY TO MEET. The Coffee County Unit Board meeting of the American Cancer Society will be held Tuesday, November 12, 1996, at 6:00 p.m. A meeting of the support group will follow at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are to be held at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany located at 302 East Grubbs Avenue in Enterprise.

Remember Those Americans Who Gave So Much
CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY
Monday, November 11, 1996

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

During the Christmas Festival parade there will be a "Donation Float." This will be for citizens to give toys, food, etc. to help those less fortunate. Just put it on as the float passes by... all items will be used to help others have a better Christmas. It is a great idea!

Tragic automobile accidents in neighboring Crenshaw and Dale Counties ended the lives of four young people last week. It is more than words to say that those youngsters, cut down in the prime of their lives, were part of America's future. Any death, sudden or expected, is tragic to someone, but when our youth are killed or crippled, all America shares the pain of the loss. Hopefully every teenager in Alabama will think about the circumstances of those wrecks and ASSUME "I am next" if not a little more careful the next time they launch that controlled explosion called the automobile.

The cartoon "Pluggers" on Monday had the two characters deciding to go out for dinner because the credit card company had just increased their charging limit by \$200.00. From what the experts write, that is more fact than comics... entirely too many people are charging things they can never hope to pay for... in this lifetime... or maybe the next.

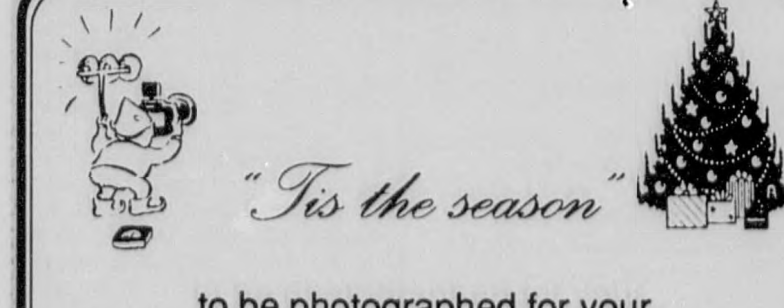
Tuesday morning of this week, Election Day, the day started off with a bang around the newspaper office. Confused, would-be voters didn't know where to vote. Maps were spread everywhere. It gets kinda confusing to those who have other things to do besides think election. They vote one place during city elections and keep getting moved from place to place in other elections, each time a county district is modified. By noon however, the noise level was down a bit. People had either found out where they voted, or had given up the project completely. We don't have a solution to the confusion, just recognize the problem.

Counting the absentee votes was once a long, hard job - a job many people turned down. Now those folks have a computer which does most of the work for them. All they do now is open the envelopes and look for the signature of the two required witnesses - the computer reads the ballot and counts the votes. And it's surprising to go by there and see those poll officials with their feet propped up on the desk and then reading a book (or the newspaper), while sipping a cup of hot coffee! Ain't computers great.

The City of Elba is selling two old trailers (or former trailers) now located down behind the old county jail. The Elba City School system is selling two older model school buses (they ain't in the shape of the trailers), you can probably drive either of them. Anyone looking for a bargain in either department needs to check these deals out and submit a bid.



NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITING MONTH...proclaimed by Elba Mayor James Grimes. The Army National Guard represents one of the largest segments of the work force full- and part-time in the United States. Also, the Alabama National Guard contributes to the strong economic impact in the state and local community. The Guard, in recruiting young individuals, instills professionalism and leadership for local employers to help fulfill their manpower with quality people. All citizens of Elba are urged to join with the Alabama National Guard and local recruiters in helping build the local guard unit into one of the best in the state. Local business leaders will be asked to join in this effort also. Pictured above during the signing of the proclamation are (l-r): SFC John Daniels, Col. Duane Smith, Mayor Grimes, SFC Dimp Holey, and Maj. Mike Tatom.



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Outside Alabama - \$18.00 per year - 6 Months - \$10.00

ELBA POLICE REPORT

OCTOBER 29 THRU NOVEMBER 4, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, October 29, 1996, investigated the following incidents: five thefts of property, two rapes, two criminal misdeeds, one unlawful damage or tampering with a vehicle, one breaking and entering of a vehicle, one death investigation, one disorderly conduct, and two harassments.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for rape and one for negotiation of a worthless instrument.

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: three for speeding, one for driver's license required, one for suspended driver's license, and two for expired tags.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 - River stage - 3.97 feet (6:17 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 - River stage - 3.97 feet (6:25 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Airport Road (4:44 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) on Stoudemire St. (8:58 p.m.); Alarm at the Movie Gallery (9:42 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 - River stage - 2.97 feet (6:07 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Airport Circle (11:28 a.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Co. Rd. 410 (8:49 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - Rescue run to residence on Jackson St. (12:26 a.m.); River stage - 3.97 feet (6:22 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Forest Ave. (9:32 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to vehicle fire on Smith Ave. (1:48 p.m.); Alarm at residence on Taylor Mill Rd. (6:16 p.m.).

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

Bulletin Board

S.S. REP - Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30 - 1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday at Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINISTRIES ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:15 p.m. - City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. - 7:15 p.m. - City Hall after City Council meeting
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room - Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Elba High School
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Elba High School
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASSON LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - 7 p.m. - Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 a.m. & 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894
COFFEE COUNTY COORDINATORS - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tues. - 12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room
AARP Meet every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
CITY AIR PATROL, Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport-Detrol hangar

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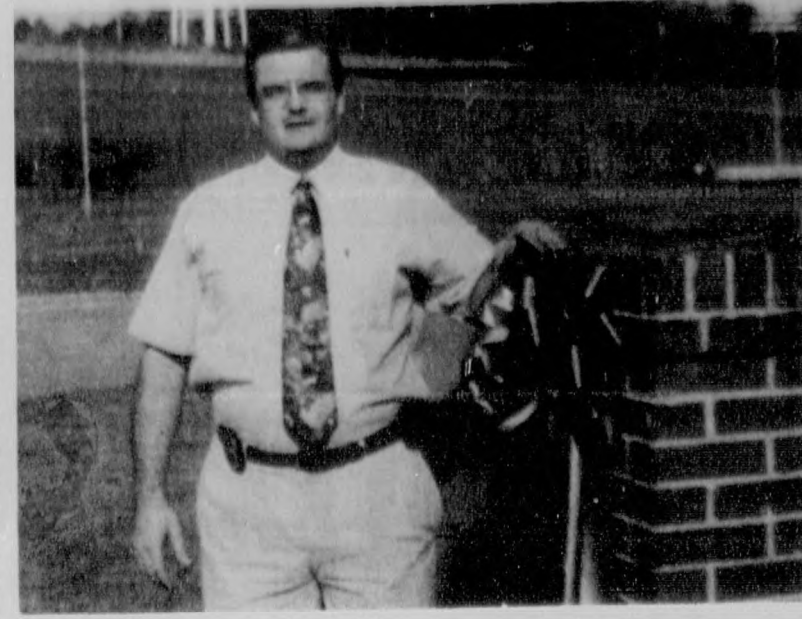
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RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN...Recently, students at Elba Elementary School were seeing red ribbons everywhere. This was to remind students to refrain from the use of alcohol as well as other drugs. Pictured above by the large red ribbon affixed to the newly erected sign is D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair. Officer Blair, who was the school's first D.A.R.E. officer, just recently returned to the school's program. D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Honoring America's Heroes: Our Veterans

Veterans Day provides us with the opportunity to honor the sacrifices made by Americans who served their country in the armed forces of the United States. It is also a fitting time, I believe, to highlight some of America's contributions to these veterans who have certainly earned our nation's gratitude.

The freedom enjoyed by us all is due to the sacrifices made by soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who were willing to place their lives on the line for that precious right.

Accordingly, in Congress, I have seen it as my solemn duty to uphold this country's commitment to our veterans by introducing and supporting efforts to continue to protect them.

As Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension and Insurance, my pledge to secure an outpatient clinic for Wiregrass veterans has been fulfilled.

Last month, the Veterans Administration informed me that they had approved my request for a Wiregrass-based clinic - a goal I have pursued since coming to Congress and taking a seat on the House VA Committee some four years ago.

Currently, many thousands of veterans who live in the Wiregrass have to travel to Montgomery, Tuskegee or Birmingham for medical treatment which could easily be performed closer to home on an outpatient basis. Realizing that Southeast Alabama has a relatively high number of veterans and many are unable to

balanced budget plan, which I support, actually spends \$10.6 billion MORE on VA health care than the President's budget over the next six years, while remaining within our balanced budget goals, I am proud of my record in support of America's heroes.

Those who serve in the armed forces of the United States are our nation's guardians who protect and defend the sacred traditions entrusted to us by the Constitution of the United States. They will always deserve our praise, our support, and our thanks.

Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Garden of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Miriam Vaughn Kennedy of Elba, AL; one daughter, Patricia Nicholson of Elba, AL; two grandchildren, Claude Kimbrough Nicholson and Retnae Nicholson, both of Elba, AL; three sisters, Martha Claire Parker and Sarah Myers, both of Troy, AL; Sue Helen Crunk of Birmingham, AL; one brother, Robert Jackson Kennedy of Selma, AL.

JIMMY FRANK PHELPS
Jimmy Frank Phelps, age 52 of Elba, Alabama, died Sunday, November 3, 1996 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 4, 1996 from the Evergreen Perpetual Care Cemetery of Elba, AL. Hayes Funeral Home directed the service.

Survivors include his mother, Essie Mae Phelps of Elba, AL; two sisters, Mary Margaret Barnes and Judy Ann Compton, both of Enterprise, AL; three brothers, Donald Mack Phelps and Danny Earl Phelps, both of Tallahassee, FL; and Billy Ray Phelps of Enterprise, AL.

Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his father and mother, George Winston and Elaine Hall, of Elba, AL; one sister, Lisa Hall of Andalusia, AL; two brothers, Charles Hall of Brantley, AL; and James Hall of Elba, AL.

MICHAEL SHAWN HALL
Michael Shawn Hall, age 20 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, October 31, 1996 as a result of an automobile accident.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 3, 1996 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel of Elba, AL, with Rev. Wilcox officiating.

Burial followed in the Little Elm Cemetery of Coffee Springs, AL with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include four daughters, Mavis L. (Nathaniel) Carter and Ann Wells, both of Elba, AL; Sherilyn D. (David) Brant of Enterprise, AL; and Sylvia May of Sarasota, Florida; four sons, Joseph F. (Nila) Phelps and Norris A. (Vikki) Kyles, both of Columbus, Georgia; David T. (Shirley) Kyles of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Jimmy Snells of Sarasota, FL; two sisters, Veda M. (Mike) Holloway and Carrie B. Weeks, both of Elba, AL; two brothers, Lusher H. (Ethel) Kyles of Elba, AL; and Roy (Essie) Kyles of Elba, FL; 20 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

NATHANIEL KYLES SR.
Nathaniel Kyles Sr., age 65, died Saturday, October 12, 1996.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, October 19, 1996 from the Greater Springfield Baptist Church of Elba, AL, with Rev. Wilcox officiating.

Burial followed in the Little Elm Cemetery of Coffee Springs, AL with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Adell Underwood; 5 sons, Michael (Thelma) Underwood of Daleville, AL; William (Ladestra) Underwood and Aaron (Cynthia) Underwood, both of Elba, AL; Marvell (Darla) Underwood of Stuart, FL; Ronald (Deborah) Rogers of Brantley, AL; James (Dorcas) Underwood of New York, NY; Rogers, Annie Coleman of Stuart, FL; Irma Siler of Rochester, NY; Mary (Elder J.C.) Rodgers of Elba, AL; Dorcas (Jesse) Kendall of Stuart, FL; Annie Jean Wilkerson of Andalusia, AL; Patsy Nell (James) Edwards of New York; one sister, Lucinda Lee of Enterprise, AL; one aunt, one brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; his adopted sons, Harold Jones and Joe Cyrus, 38 grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

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"MAMA CALLED AND I CAME HOME"

Elba native Bob Inman continues writing career after retiring from broadcasting

Elba native Bob Inman has retired from his position as a long time television news anchor in Charlotte, NC. The retirement was effective last June and since then he and his wife Paulette have traveled abroad with friends and entertained visiting relatives at their vacation home in the mountains near Boone, NC.

He is the son of the late L. F. (Sonny) and Sis (Cooper) Inman. Elba and still has many friends and relatives in this area.

Already the author of four novels and five screen plays for television, he intends to concentrate on his writing. His writing/screen writing career began with "Home Fires Burning" which was set in a small town where the community and the characters were remarkably similar to Elba, Alabama. Elba citizens still pass the time trying to uncover the true identity of the characters in that book.

Now Inman has accepted a position as weekly columnist for The Charlotte Observer and several copies of his first column have made it to the offices of The Elba Clipper from Bob and Paulette. The first column is reprinted below.

September 29, 1996
The Charlotte Observer

When the late Bear Bryant left Texas A&M to become football coach at his alma mater, Alabama, he said, "Mama called and I came home." That's sort of the way I feel about becoming a regular contributor to The Charlotte Observer.

What became a 40-year career in journalism began with newspapering at my hometown Alabama weekly, The Elba Clipper, in 1956. I had long been fascinated by what went on in the ink-stained bowels of the paper - where people took events and incidents and turned them into words that everybody could read and share.

When I was eight years old, I appeared at the back door of the Elba office one day and asked the editor for a job. Five years later, on my second try, he hired me. I went to work in the back shop as a "printer's devil" - an

apprentice wretch to whom the printer, according to tradition, "gave the devil." It was in the days when the text of the newspaper was set on a clanking Linotype machine that occasionally erupted like Vesuvius and showered the printer and shop with molten metal. Headlines and advertising copy were set largely by hand. I learned the trade by hand - getting ink under my fingernails and in my blood, experiencing words as physical things that you could hold and admire, letter by letter.

I learned that newspapering is an alchemical human enterprise, fraught with human frailty. I dumped the entire front page of one edition on the floor an hour and a half after it had been put back together line by line from the jumbled pile of type. The press ran late that day, but I knew every sacred word of the front page before it was printed.

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We get letters.....

Dear Mr. Cox:

The purpose of this letter is to pay a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Nedda Coleman who recently passed away. I was fortunate enough to have employed Mrs. Coleman when I was director of the Coffee County Department of Human Resources in Elba. She was always a very loyal employee who performed her duties in a highly professional manner. During the Elba Flood in March of 1990, I witnessed unselfish dedication on the part of Mrs. Coleman as well as many other employees. However, Mrs. Coleman stands out in my mind because she personally took it upon herself to take flooded Public Assistance Records to her house and drive them in order to salvage the records and make it as easy as possible on the clients so they could continue to receive assistance with no interruption. This unselfish devotion to her job deserves the county's respect and admiration. There are many other examples of her devotion to her job.

As many other people will miss the presence of Mrs. Coleman, she leaves two outstanding young sons, a sister, Myrna, a mother, and several brothers as well as other relatives that I do not know. I do want to say that Mrs. Coleman's life speaks for itself and there is no better commentary than her many accomplishments. I am proud to have known Mrs. Coleman and I know my life was much richer for having known her. May her family find comfort in this tribute to her memory.

Sincerely,
Ronald C. Smith
Retired Director,
Coffee County Department of Human Resources

Dear Ferrin,

I would like to thank you for having a page dedicated to church news. As one who does utilize this service, I really appreciate the attention you give the churches. My only wish is that everyone would take time to really read the news from all the churches.

If you have a free Saturday night, Christian or not, there is always some church activity going on, either at your home church or a neighboring church.

All of us need to realize that church is the place we need to be with our children and grandchildren. We need to bring them up going down the straight pathway to Christianity.

People there is something we really need to know, that God isn't going to separate us by denominations when we get to heaven.

Please don't hold back because of the denomination. If it is God's House, God wants you there to worship, serve him, and fellowship with your spiritual brothers and sisters.

We at Shiloh Baptist have our doors open to everyone. We always welcome to come and worship with us.

I hope you will be in church this and every Sunday.
God bless you,
Janice Daugherty

Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 30
The Elba Chamber of Commerce is making plans for the ninth annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 30, beginning at 5:00 p.m. All churches, bands, school groups and civic clubs, garden clubs, beauty queens, etc., are encouraged to be a part of this magical time of the year. The chamber is asking for the entries to be lighted (if possible) and carry out the theme of "A Magical Christmas". Line-up time will be at 4:00 p.m. at the Miller Memorial Stadium (behind the old Elba High School). Contact Lisa Johnson (parade chairman) at 1123 Pine Cove, Elba, AL, 897-5549, or the Chamber of Commerce office at 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL, 897-3125.

Card Of Thanks
First of all we would like to thank God for answering everybody's prayers.

Starting early morning September 30th, we would like to thank the breakfast club at the Ranch House, the Elba Rescue Squad, a special thanks to Dr. Dyess, the Opp Rescue Squad and Southeast AL Medical Center & Staff, Emory Hospital in Atlanta and its staff for the special care we received.

We would also like to thank everyone in and around Elba for their effort and donations we received. There is no way we can name everyone but God knows and we are sure he will bless each of you as much as he has us. Also thanks to Cook Chevrolet for the transportation home.

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Social and Community News

Miss Semonelle to marry Mr. Courson Saturday, December 7th

Nick and Elaine Semonelle of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Courson of Kinston announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Annah Nichole Semonelle and Jonathan Herbert Courson. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. L.V. Adcock of Elba, and the late J.G. Seymore, and the late Genaro Emiliano Semonelle and Catherine De Prisco Semonelle of Wilmington, Delaware.

Annah is a 1992 graduate of Elba High School and a 1996 graduate of Auburn University where she received a BS degree in psychology. She is currently attending Troy State University at Dothan seeking her MA degree in counseling and psychology.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Ezra Herbert Courson and Mary Ellen Courson of Smiths Station, Alabama, and the late John Henry Wilson and Eda Wilson of Monticello, Mississippi.

Jon is a 1991 graduate of Kinston High School and a 1996 graduate of Auburn University with a BS degree in agriculture science.

The ceremony will take place December 7, 1996 at 6:00 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Elba. The reception will be held at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast. All friends and relatives are invited to share in this very special occasion.



Miss Semonelle

**DEADLINE FOR
SOCIAL NEWS IS
MONDAY!!**

Bret and Nicki (Stricklin) Bryan

invite you to join

in the celebration

of their marriage

at a reception

on Sunday, November 10, 1996

From 2:00 until 4:00

in the afternoon

at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Elba, Alabama

Tracey Stewart to be
guest speaker at
Abundant Life Church

Tracey Stewart will minister at Abundant Life Church, 414 W. Washington St., Samson, AL, November 10, 1996 at 10:30 a.m.



Mr. & Mrs. Preston Miles
to be honored on 50th
Wedding Anniversary

Because you have shared in their lives by your friendship and love, Barbara Trout and Lisa Stephens, and their families, request the honor of your presence at the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Miles on Sunday, November 17, 1996 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Elba.

You are invited to share in the
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Miss Messer & Mr. Ard to wed Saturday, November 23rd

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Messer of Elba, AL, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tazie Michele, to Seth Daniel, son of Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Ard of Tallahassee, FL.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harrison of Elba, AL and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Sasser of Lake Placid, FL. She is a 1995 graduate of Zion Chapel High School. She is attending Lurleen B. Wallace College and is employed at Green's Country Kitchen.

The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Bertha Spann and the late Mr. Raymond Spann of Samson, AL, and Rev. and Mrs. Wilmer Ard of DeFuniak Springs, FL. He is a 1993 graduate of Bethel Christian Academy of St. Augustine, FL. He is employed at Green's Country Kitchen.

The wedding will be held on November 23, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God, Elba, AL. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

No local invitations are being sent, but all friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Mr. Ard & Miss Messer

Maynard Ferguson to appear at Elba High School Auditorium Saturday, November 16

Maynard Ferguson will be bringing his Big Band Nouveau Band, the Elba High School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16. I expect to find just settling on the trumpet of this jazz giant any soon, though. At 68, he's as active and wide ranging as professionals half his age. When he first made a name for himself with the Stan Kenton Orchestra in the '50s, it was his ability to play notes way up in the trumpet stratosphere that attracted immediate attention. Maynard is now in his fourth decade as a leader and can still hit the high, high notes. His recording of "Gonna Fly Now," the theme from the motion picture "Rocky," rocketed him to "pop" popularity with a top 10 single, a gold album (Conquistador), and a nomination in 1978.

With his Big Band Nouveau Band, Maynard has redefined big band jazz for the '90s. While many other bands recreate music of bygone eras, Maynard and company draw upon bebop, straight-ahead jazz, funk, swing, classical, and contemporary music to create a fresh sound within the classic big band form. Ferguson calls his 10-piece ensemble "a little big band" and it represents a move toward more traditional jazz after High Voltage, the driving fusion group Ferguson led in the '80s. Last year, Maynard and Big Band Nouveau, the instrumentation of which consists of three trumpets, one trombone, two saxophones, and three percussionists, released "These Cats Can Swing," the group's first album for Concord Records label.

Tickets for Maynard Ferguson are \$14 in advance (\$12 for students). Group rates are available for groups of 10 or more in advance. "We normally have some tickets available at the door, but we are encouraging everyone to buy in advance due to the interest we have already had from groups in Georgia and Florida," said Mary Jon Schenckberger, CCAA president. "The auditorium has 702 seats and we plan to have every one of them filled." Tickets are available in Elba at the Jewel Box, in Enterprise at Plain 'N Fancy, Westgate Book and Gift, and The Framery; and at the TTR Office in Fort Rucker, or call 334-347-4422. Season tickets are also available at Westgate Book and Gift in Enterprise.

Miss White honored with miscellaneous bridal shower Saturday, November 2nd

The fellowship hall of Whitehaven Baptist Church was the setting for a miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Cynthia White, bride-elect of Mr. Chris Whitaker, Saturday afternoon, November 2, 1996.

A cluster of wedding bells tied with a teal bow marked the entry door. Guests were greeted by Mrs. Kay Mack and presented to the receiving line consisting of the honoree; Mrs. Wayne White, mother of the honoree; Mrs. Gwen Loy, mother of the future groom; and Mrs. Opal Westbrook, grandmother of the bride-elect.

Mrs. Sharon Smith registered the guests at a round table skirted with a floor-length white cloth and overlaid with a white battenburg lace cloth. The table was topped with an arrangement of mixed flowers, a plum pen, and the bride's wedding book.

Receiving and registering the gifts were Mrs. Merle Wise and Mrs. Charlotte Windham.

After viewing an array of beautiful gifts, the guests were served party dainties from a table skirted in teal and overlaid with a white battenburg lace cloth. Silver and crystal appointments held cheese straws, mints, nuts, cake, and punch. Mrs. Joni White and Mrs. Carolyn Smart laded the punch. Another bouquet of mixed flowers, artfully arranged by Mrs. Jeanette Windham, and a silver candelabrum holding teal tapers completed the table decorations. Several ferns on white stands and wreaths of white wedding bells and ribbon completed the decorations in the fellowship hall.

Hostesses for the occasion included Mrs. Sylvia Padgett, Mrs. Patsy Jones, Mrs. Mary Wallace, Mrs. JoAnn Jones, Mrs. Joni White, Mrs. Jeanette Windham, Mrs. Rea Young, Mrs. Myrtle Sellers, Mrs. Charlotte Windham, Mrs. Nell Wilson, Mrs. Carolyn Maddox, Mrs. Merle Wise, Mrs. Audrey Smith, Mrs. Jan Smith, Mrs. Pam Smith, Mrs. Totsie Parrish, Mrs. Pat Hodge, Mrs. Jennie Hardwick, Mrs. Carolyn Smart, Mrs. Sharon Smith, Mrs. Janice Bell, and Mrs. Kay Mack.

Mustard Seed to have
Gospel Sing

A gospel singing will be held at the Mustard Seed Foundation, November 16, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. The featured group will be the Singing Miracles of New Brooklyn.



Pictured (l to r) are Mrs. Wayne White, Miss Cynthia White - (honoree), and Mrs. Gwen Loy.

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Social and Community News

Snowden-Brown wedding held August 11th, in Panama City, FL

Miss Selena Renee Brown and Mr. David Ryan Snowden were united in marriage on August 11, 1996 at Eden State Gardens in Point Washington, Florida, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Dr. Jerry Weaver, pastor of First Baptist Church of Panama City Beach, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry F. Brown, Sr. of Panama City Beach. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durrell Gallimore of Elba, Alabama and the late Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brown, also of Elba, AL. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Snowden of Pascagoula, MS. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Snowden of Collinsville, Mississippi, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Culppepper, also of Collinsville.

Mrs. Lisa Stinson, aunt of the bride, played "All I Ask of You" from Phantom of the Opera as the bride's attendants entered. Maid of Honor was Christie Leperi of New Orleans, Louisiana. Phi Mu sister of the bride, the bridesmaids were Misty Harris of Andalusia, AL, sister of the bride; Nicole Holley of Rockhill, South Carolina; Jane Mosley of Elba, AL, and Becky Schreff of Boston, Massachusetts, all Phi Mu sisters of the bride. Ericka Casey of Panama City; and Leslie Stinson of Elba, AL, cousin of the bride, Miss Haley Stinson, cousin of the bride, served as the flower girl.

Mr. David Snowden, father of the groom, served as his son's best man. The groomsmen were Jeremy Brown of Panama City Beach, brother of the bride; Peter Bertagnoli of Pascagoula, Mississippi; Sean Burk of New Orleans, Louisiana; Justin Loftin of Jackson, Mississippi; Chris Monrell and Andy Grubbs of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; fraternity brothers of the groom. Ring bearer was Master Pierce Bertagnoli. Ushers were Chris Moore of New Orleans, LA and Albert Moncalvo of Ocean Springs, MS, also fraternity brothers of the groom.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was escorted to the altar by her father, Jeremy Brown surprised his sister during the ceremony by singing "As Long As I Live" by John Michael Montgomery. After vows were repeated, the bride and groom each presented their mother with one long stemmed rose while Candace Howell, friend of the



Mr. & Mrs. David Ryan Snowden

groom, sang "The Wedding Song". Following the wedding ceremony which was directed by Katy Wright, a reception was held under the moss draped oak trees along the bay at Eden State Gardens. The reception was catered by Tom and Bess Williams of Panama City Beach.

Following a wedding trip to south Florida, the couple will reside in Knoxville, Tennessee where both will attend graduate school at the University of Tennessee.



YOUNG COUNTRY from Opp, Alabama, will be in concert on November 30, 1996 at Miller Memorial Stadium. The event will be the finale for the 1996 chamber sponsored Christmas Festival and will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00, and children under 6 are admitted free. In case of rain, Young Country will perform at the Elba High School Auditorium.

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Harris-Brown wedding held July 27th, in Troy

Misty Camille Brown and Tony Wayne Harris were joined in marriage July 27, 1996 at First Baptist Church of Troy, Alabama, at 5:00 in the afternoon. Dr. Jerry Weaver, pastor of First Baptist Church of Panama City Beach, performed the candlelight double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry F. Brown, Sr. of Panama City Beach, Florida. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Aaron Harris of Tallahassee, Alabama.

Selena Renee Brown, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Leslie Stinson, cousin of the bride, and Jane Mosley, both of Elba, AL, Treva Thorpe of Troy, AL, and Christy Carney of Montgomery, AL, served as bridesmaids. The flower girl was Haley Stinson, cousin of the bride.

Ray Lamberth of Tallahassee, AL, was the best man. Rick Kelsey and Andrew Williams, both of Troy, AL, Jeremy Brown, brother of the bride, of Panama City Beach, Brent Langley of Tallahassee, AL, and Glimmer Akridge of Elba, AL, cousin of the bride, were the groomsmen. The ring bearer was Tres Simmons of Jackson, MS. David Williams of Troy, AL, was the page boy, carrying the Bible that the bride's mother carried in her own wedding.

Pre-nuptial duct was played by organist Jason Grace and trumpeter Michael O'Hara. Jason grace also sang "Parent's Prayer" as the couple's parents lit the unity candle. Kim Fuller sang "Make Us One" as the bride and groom lit the last candle of the unity candle.

A reception was held in the church's fellowship hall following the ceremony. It was catered by Amber Harrison who was assisted by Patsy Howard. The wedding was directed by Donna McGowan.

After a wedding trip to Tennessee, the couple will reside in Andalusia, Alabama. The bride will be studying at Tiny Tote Learning Center in Andalusia. The groom is employed by Alabama Electric.

**Special Persons Mini
Bazaar to be held at
Elba United Methodist**

The Special Persons Mini Bazaar will be held Thursday, November 21, at the Elba United Methodist Church fellowship hall, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be crafts, hand made items, Christmas decorations, homemade canned goods and baked goods. Homemade soup, chili, barbecue sandwiches and all types of desserts will be for sale if you would like to eat lunch.

Limited edition Chamber of
Commerce Christmas
Ornaments are on sale now

The Chamber of Commerce announces Elba's 1996 Christmas ornaments are now on sale. The ninth edition, a beautiful cream with hunter green, features the old Coffee County Jail. The limited edition ornaments may be purchased for \$10.00 at Bradley's Florist, Elba Florist, Elba Frame & Gift, Elba Public Library, Haywood's Discount Drug Store, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Ricay Jewelers, Peoples Bank, The Jewel Box, Whelan's Drug Store, and the Chamber of Commerce office. These ornaments are individually boxed and make lovely "touch of home" gifts for former residents of Elba. Proceeds from the sale of this year's ornaments will go toward restoration of the old Coffee County Jail. The chamber also has a limited number of previous year's ornaments that may be purchased at \$5.00 each. These are available in the chamber office in City Hall, Ornaments are 1991 (Veteran's Memorial Park); 1992 (Elba City Hall); 1993 (Miller Memorial Stadium); 1994 (Elba Elementary School); and 1995 (Elba Public Library).



Mr. & Mrs. Tony Wayne Harris

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The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie went to Elba's homecoming parade Friday afternoon and brought home a lot of candy, but after the parade seemed more interested in talking about the floats than the sweets she had gathered. She thought all the floats were pretty, but stated they were smaller than usual, and said that the only big floats in the "whole parade" were the ones with the grandparents on them. Sorry about that, honored class members, but with my 30-year reunion only five years away, I know what it's like!

LATE ELBA RALLY FALLS SHORT IN HOMECOMING LOSS

The Elba Tigers hosted one of the state's most improved 5A teams Friday night for homecoming and battled until the final horn before falling 20-14 to the highly-favored Andalusia Bulldogs. The loss dropped Elba's record to 3-6 and ended the Tigers' six-year dominance over their neighbors from Covington County; however, it was the kind of loss the Tigers can build on, and if Elba will emphasize on the positives that took place in the game and not dwell on the negatives, it could help the team get ready for the upcoming state playoffs.

The Elba offense struggled, especially with its inside running game, but did drive 47 yards for a touchdown after an early Andalusia turnover and marched 65 yards late in the game to give itself a chance to pull out the win. Quarterback Troy Bryan was sacked five times trying to find receivers, but three times was hit as he stayed in the pocket and ignored the heavy rushing trying to make a big play. Bryan had some key runs that helped the Tigers score their final points, and showed once again that he can be a weapon as a runner and not just a passer.

While the Tigers did put 14 points on the scoreboard, it may have been the "one that got away" that came back to haunt the Tigers in the loss. Elba began a possession at the Andalusia 23-yardline early in the second quarter after a big kickoff return by Eric Jordan and moved to a first down at the 12-yardline, only to lose nine yards on a reverse and then come away empty-handed when a field-goal try sailed low. A touchdown would have given Elba a 14-7 lead and a shot of confidence, but the opposite occurred, as Elba managed only one first down on its next three possessions and Andalusia slowly took charge.

The Elba defense battled the high-powered Andalusia offense throughout the game, and except for a 56-yard scoring run in the first quarter, made the Bulldogs work for every yard they got. The defense forced three fumbles and a pass interception that kept the Bulldogs in check for most of the night; however, like the offense, made a key mistake that helped Andalusia take the win. The mistake came on a third down incompleteness on a roughing the passer penalty that gave Andalusia a first down, and turned what would have been a punt into a scoring drive that put the Bulldogs on top 21-7 in the fourth quarter. Despite the mistake, the Tiger defense turned in another winning performance and made some adjustments that really slowed down the Andalusia offense.

I agree that a loss is a loss; however, Friday night's loss to Andalusia

was a loss that the Tigers can turn into something good. The offense proved it could move the football when it had to late in the game, and the defense proved it could hold its own against a very talented offensive team. If the Tigers will remember the pain of losing, and at the same time remember how well they played for much of the game, it could lead to a more confident Tiger team the next time Elba hits the field.

ELBA VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team made school history last week by winning the Class 3A, Area 3 championship. The Lady Tigers are still relatively young in the sport of volleyball and lost six far more matches than they win; however, last week's win over Rehobeth to win the area title will pump new life into the program and should set the stage for many wins on the court in years to come. The Elba girls have paid their dues, and now appear on the verge of getting some of the rewards.

KINSTON WIN HIGHLIGHTS AREA FOOTBALL ACTION

The ninth week of the high school football season wasn't one to write home about for three of the four area football teams, but it was a big week for the Kinston Bulldogs as they whipped an arch-rival and wrapped up a state playoff berth at the same time. Here's a look back at the week that was...

***KINSTON (4-5) clinched a spot in next week's 1A playoffs by crushing Zion Chapel 48-0. The Bulldogs dominated action on both offense and defense in claiming the easy win, and used 11 different running backs as everyone got in on the fun in celebrating homecoming. The big win showed the Bulldogs ready for this week's big match.

***NEW BROCKTON (4-5) closed out its area competition Friday night in Lufkin and ended with an 0-3 area slate after a 41-3 loss to the third-ranked Tigers. The Gamecocks stunned Lufkin early and jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but self-destructed with six turnovers that let the Tigers run away with the win. No wonder the Gamecocks tried to get out of the area after the announcement of the alignment.

***ZION CHAPEL (1-7) saw its nightmare season continue with a 48-0 loss to Kinston. The Rebels dressed out 15 players for the area contest, which included two 8th graders, and simply don't have the depth to compete against any team with talent. One week and the long nightmare will be over.

***BRANTLEY (2-7) dropped its seventh straight decision Friday night as the Bulldogs fell to Georgiana 41-0. The Bulldogs considered cancelling the game after the tragic deaths of three Brantley teenagers the night before, but decided to make the trip and went through the motions. Brantley has played the state's toughest schedule this season and has paid the price for past success.

TOP PREP TEAMS MAKING MOVES TOWARD PLAYOFFS

The cream of the crop in the high school games continued to make news last week as all the teams across the state looked to gain momentum heading into next week's state playoffs. Here is a quick look back at week #9 and how the top teams fared...

***CLASS 6A - Top-ranked Central, of Tuscaloosa, steamrolled past the price for past success.

Sports

Sweep Rehobeth 15-12, 15-3, 15-4

Lady Tigers win Area 3 volleyball crown

The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team made history last week when it defeated the Rehobeth Lady Rebels to claim the Class 3A, Area 3 championship.

The area title was the first for the Lady Tigers in volleyball, and moved Elba into sub-state action against UMS-Wright and St. James. "Rehobeth had beaten us three out of four times during the regular season," stated Elba's Coach Susan Barnes, "but all the matches were close, and we were confident that if we played well we could win in the area match. We played more as a team in the win than we had the entire season, and all the girls really played hard."

"We lost the last five matches of the regular season by two points," added Barnes, "and felt like we were playing our best ball of the season at just the right time. We start three freshmen and three juniors, and are still very young, but winning the area and making it back to sub-state should help as we continue to build the program."

The Lady Tigers nipped the Lady Rebels in the opening game

15-12 as Leigh Kelley scored 9 service points and Andrea Carney added 4, while in the second match Kelley and Carney combined for

10 service points as Elba trounced Rehobeth 15-3. The third game of the match was more of the same for the Lady Tigers, as Melissa Grant-

ham and Vaughan Boyd both collected 6 service points to lead Elba to a 15-4 win, and its first-ever area championship in volleyball.

Elba Tigers head to Monroe County

The Elba Tigers will be looking to gain momentum heading into next week's opening round of the state football playoffs on Friday night when they travel to Monroe County to battle the 5A Monroe County Tigers.

Elba will carry a 3-6 record into the clash, while Monroe County will enter the regular season finale with a 5-4 slate.

The Tigers of Elba's Coach David Lowery have struggled throughout the season, but have won both Area 3 contests, and will enter the game as the area champion.

The Elba offense, led by tailback Bobby Burks and quarterback Troy Bryan, have averaged over 14 points per game, while the defense,

led by linebackers Todd McKee and Julian Mitchell, have allowed an average of 13 points per outing. Monroe County has had an up and down season under coach Steve Allen, but will enter Friday night's clash with a two-game winning streak and a playoff berth safely tucked away.

The Tigers from Monroe County have defeated Greenville 35-32, Hillcrest 17-16, Wilcox Central 16-12, Grand Bay 17-12 and Choctaw

County 14-7, while losing to Demopolis 14-0, T.R. Miller 33-10, Clarke County 21-0 and Jackson 30-14.

All four losses have been to outstanding teams, with the quartet boasting a combined record of 29-6.

Monroe County has never defeated Elba in football, but will be hungry and confident Friday night, and will present the Tigers from Coffee County with a solid test.

Mandy Mularz wins two state titles at AHSAA Swim Meet

The Alabama High Athletic Association held its annual Swimming and Diving Championships last weekend at the University of Alabama, and claiming two individual state championships was Mandy Mularz, a sophomore at St. Paul's, of Mobile.

Mularz won state titles in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of

24:25, and 100-yard freestyle with a time of 52:71.

St. Paul's placed third in the girl's division at the state meet, which combined all classes into one level of competition.

Mularz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mularz, of Mobile, who have friends and family in Elba.

Turkey shoot set for Nov. 16 in Elba

A turkey shoot will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge 170, located on Airport Road, in Elba.

The cost is \$2 per shot, and winners will have a choice of a turkey or boston butt.

The shoot is being sponsored by the Past Masters Club.

Team penning event set for Geneva

The Alabama High School Rodeo Association will hold a "Team Penning" event on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the 4-Way Cattle Company covered arena, in Geneva.

There will be a thirty-percent payback in sorting and open competition, with pay to the top two finishers in each class.

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Hueytown 54-21, while #3 Vigor was stunned by 5A Blount 10-7 in front of over 20,000 fans in Pritchard and #3 Johnson went to 8-0 with a slim 15-13 win over Bradshaw. Closer to home, Dothan improved to 8-0 with a lullaby 27-13 win over lowly Hillcrest and Enterprise strolled past Moseley 31-19.

***CLASS 5A - Top-ranked Blount made a major statement in the 5A ranks by knocking off 6A Vigor 10-7, while #2 Smiths Station posted an impressive 39-14 win over Mobile power B.C. Rain and Eufaula upped its mark to 9-0 with a hardfought 12-7 win over Opp. Closer to home, Greenville routed Escambia County 42-12 and Charles Henderson was blanked by Wetumpka 20-0.

***CLASS 4A - Top-ranked Alexandria remained unbeaten with a 27-0 win over Jacksonville, while #2 T.R. Miller clubbed Clarke County 38-14 to set up this week's annual cross-creek match against undefeated W.S. Neal. Closer to home, Daleville clinched an area title with a 36-14 win over Ashford. Abbeville defeated Pike County for the first time in over a decade 23-18 and Dale County dumped Geneva 32-8.

***CLASS 3A - Top-ranked Sylvania struggled past Ider 14-0, while #2 Briarwood Christian pounded Trinity 35-6 and #3 West Morgan edged #8 Colbert County 28-21 in double-overtime. Closer to home, Rehobeth wrapped up the runner-up spot in Area 3 with a 30-0 win over Headland.

***CLASS 2A - Top-ranked Clay County barely escaped with a 14-6 win over Horseshoe Bend, while #2 Hazlewood ripped Cherokee 34-12 and #3 Lufkin ripped New Brockton 41-3. Closer to home, Cottonwood blasted Geneva County 40-6. Samson blanked Red Level 27-0 and Straughn outscored Highland Home 50-34.

***CLASS 1A - Top-ranked Maplesville ripped previously undefeated Verbena 38-12, while #2 Addison spanked Speake 20-6 and #3 Hackleburg dumped Brilliant 28-14. Closer to home, Houston Academy clubbed Arion 35-14, McKenzie ripped Blacksher 41-0 and Billingsley outscored Coffeeville 43-20.

PREP PLAYOFF MATCH-UPS BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE

The high school football playoffs are still over a week away; however, several opening round games are already set, and the true football fanatics are ready for the post-season party to get going. Here's a preview by preview to wet your appetite.

***CLASS 6A - A Dothan win over Northview this week will put the Tigers at home against Robert E. Lee, and put Enterprise on the road against Prattville, while in other Montgomery action it will be Jeff Davis hosting Murphy and Carver going to Theodore.

***CLASS 5A - Greenville will be at home to meet Wetumpka, while the winner of the Opp-Andalusia game will hit the road to battle Stanhope Elmore. The winner of the Eufaula-Smiths Station game will host B.C. Rain, while a trip to Mobile and a ticket against Josh Shaw will await the loser.

***CLASS 4A - The winner of the T.R. Miller-W.S. Neal game will be at home to tangle with Beaufort, while the loser will hit the road to meet Handley. Daleville will be at home against either Montevallo, Jemison or Bibb County, while Abbeville will host Elmore County and Pike County will travel to Tallapoosa.

***CLASS 3A - Elba will host the winner of this week's Lamar County-Sulligent game, while Rehobeth will hit the road to meet Gordo. In Elba's opposite spot in the bracket, Aliceville will host the loser of the Cordova-Fultonale game.

***CLASS 2A - These 2A ranks are the most active in South Alabama, and in opening round match-ups it will be Samson at home against Horseshoe Bend, Straughn hitting the road to meet two-time defending state champ Clay County; Lufkin hosting G.W. Long; Georgiana on the road against Houston County; Cottonwood hosting Excel, Flomaton or Leroy; and Geneva County hitting the road to one of the three towns mentioned above.

***CLASS 1A - The Kinston-Houston Academy winner will host Leachburg, while the loser will hit the road to Bibb Graves. In the only other area of interest, the winner of the McKenzie-Frisco City game will host either Carrollton, Akron or American Christian, and the loser will travel to one of those three.

ALL PARENTS SHARE IN GRIEF FOR LOST YOUTH

We at *The Elba Clipper* have enjoyed our relationship with the folks up in Brantley over the years as we have covered the school's athletic teams, and this week we share in the grief of the entire community over the loss of three of their youth. The youngsters that lost their lives so tragically last week in an automobile accident were very much a part of the school, and the lives of everyone that knew them, and will always be remembered by those whose lives they touched during their years with us. All parents share in the grief of the families of the youngsters, and pray that such a tragedy will not happen again to anyone, anywhere.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR PLAYOFFS

Ye Olde Polish Prognosticator was all bundled up when he stopped by the office over the weekend, but did declare he was getting hot with his predictions as the playoffs approached. The local guesstimer hit on 57 of 65 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 328-75, and then left this week's fearless forecast...

ELBA VS. MONROE COUNTY

Monroe County has already clinched a spot in the 5A playoffs and will bring a two-game winning streak into this week's clash, making the hometown Tigers a big favorite over their 3A guests. Elba needs a win badly to gain momentum heading into the playoffs, and the guess here is that it gets it in a mid upset!

ELBA 16 MONROE COUNTY 14

ZION CHAPEL VS. NEW BROCKTON

Zion Chapel will finally be able to put an end to what has been one of its worst seasons ever, and even though the Rebels will be huge underdogs, they will battle until the end against their cross-county rivals from New Brockton. Unfortunately, it won't make any difference!

NEW BROCKTON 40 ZION CHAPEL 0

KINSTON VS. HOUSTON ACADEMY

The 2A, Area 4 title will be on the line in Kinston Friday night and the two teams trying to claim the crown will do so in very different ways. The Bulldogs will have to control the ball and stop the Raiders passing attack to have a chance, while the Raiders will have to play physical up front. With a line that averages over 250 pounds a man, the Raiders should be able to do just that, and take the title home.

HOUSTON ACADEMY 28 KINSTON 13

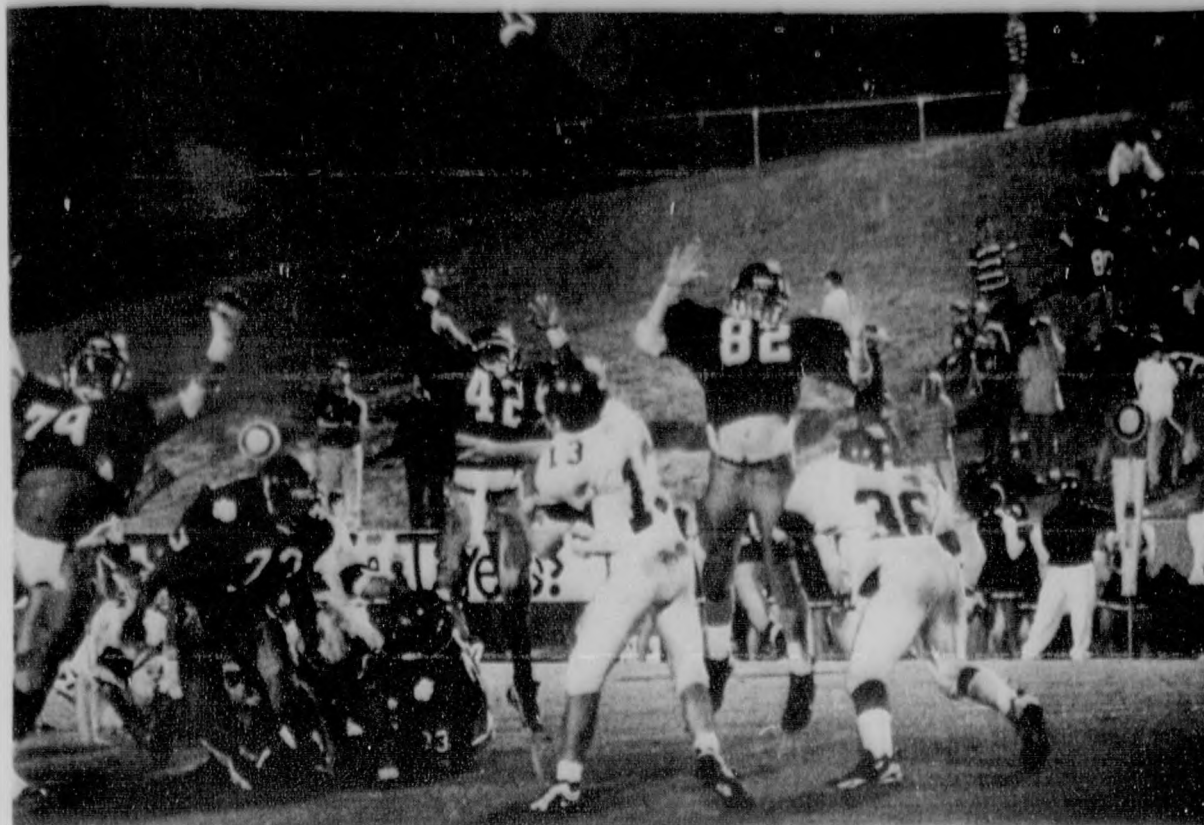
BRANTLEY VS. J.U. BLACKSHER

The Bulldogs have dropped seven straight games after a fast start and will close out the season Friday night at home against area foe J.U. Blacksher, and since the two teams have a combined record of 3-14, there may be little to play for except pride. Brantley may have its mind elsewhere, but will rally and show its true Bulldog spirit!

BRANTLEY 21 J.U. BLACKSHER 7

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Bullock Co. 20 Louisville 14
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Elba defensive linemen Wesley Johnson (82), Alex Daniels (42), Cedric Howe (79) and Earl Perkins (73) apply pressure to the Andalusia quarterback. The Tigers will close out the regular season this week at Monroe County.

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about Friday night, but saw a furious last-minute rally fall just short as they were defeated by the Andalusia Bulldogs 20-14.

The loss left Elba with a 3-6 record, while Andalusia improved to 6-3 with the win.

Elba failed to move the chains on its first possession of the game, but got the ball right back when Andalusia fumbled on its first play from scrimmage, and the Tigers promptly marched 47 yards in only four plays to grab the early lead.

A 15-yard penalty against the Bulldogs was a big play early in the scoring march, while Bobby Burks gained 29 yards on two carries during the drive and scored the touchdown on a 3-yard dash. Todd McKee booted the extra-point, and with 9:34 left in the first quarter the Tigers were on top 7-0.

The Elba defense came up with another big play late in the first quarter when Bobby Burks scooped up an Andalusia fumble at the 11-yard line, and the Tigers' 45-yardline. However, this time the Tigers were unable to take advantage of the turnover, and punted the ball back to the Bulldogs.

Andalusia managed to find the handle on the football on its next possession and needed only two plays to cover 64 yards to the endzone.

The score came on a 56-yard scamper by Sidney White, and Charles Smith tucked on the extra-point to tie the game at 7-7 with 2:03 still left in the opening stanza.

Elba began its ensuing possession at the Andalusia 23-yardline after a 49-yard kickoff return by Eric Jordan and a penalty against the Bulldogs, and moved to a first down at the Andalusia 12-yardline after three straight carries by Bobby Burks.

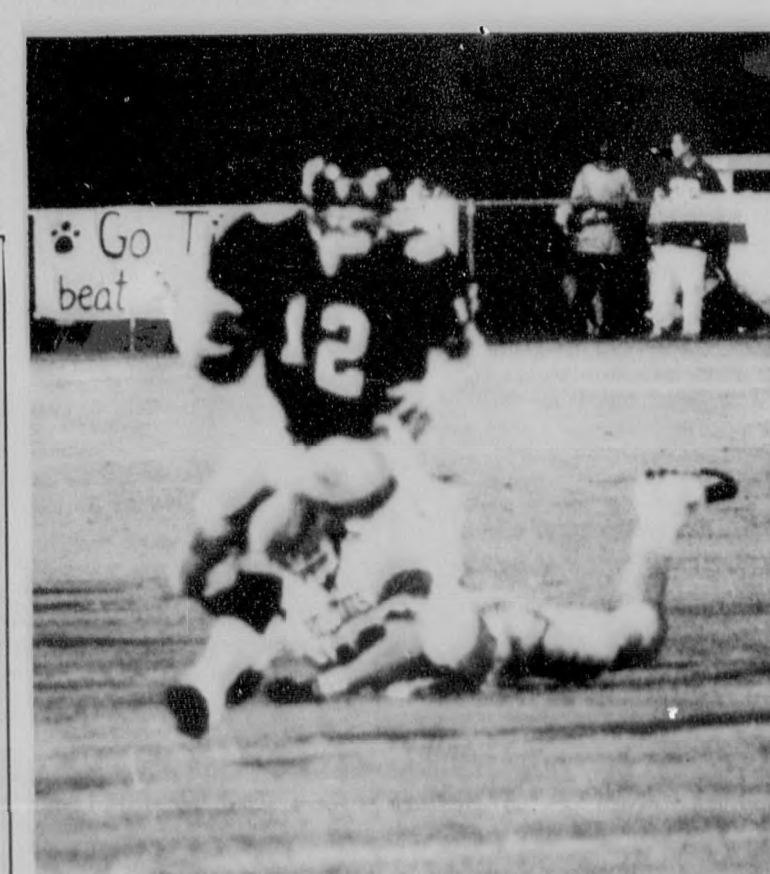
A 9-yard loss on a reverse pushed the Tigers back to the 20-yardline, and Elba failed to take ad-

vantage of the scoring opportunity when on fourth down Todd McKee's 37-yard field-goal attempt sailed under the cross-bar.

The Elba offense failed to threaten for the remainder of the half, but the Tiger defense stuffed the high-scoring Bulldogs and came up with



Marching Tiger drummer Daniel Ward keeps the beat in the stands Friday night as the Tigers rally late in the fourth quarter in Elba's 20-14 loss to Andalusia.

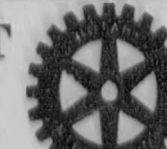


Elba quarterback Troy Bryan (12) eludes a would-be defender and heads upfield for a big gain during the fourth quarter action Friday night in the Tigers' 20-14 loss to Andalusia.

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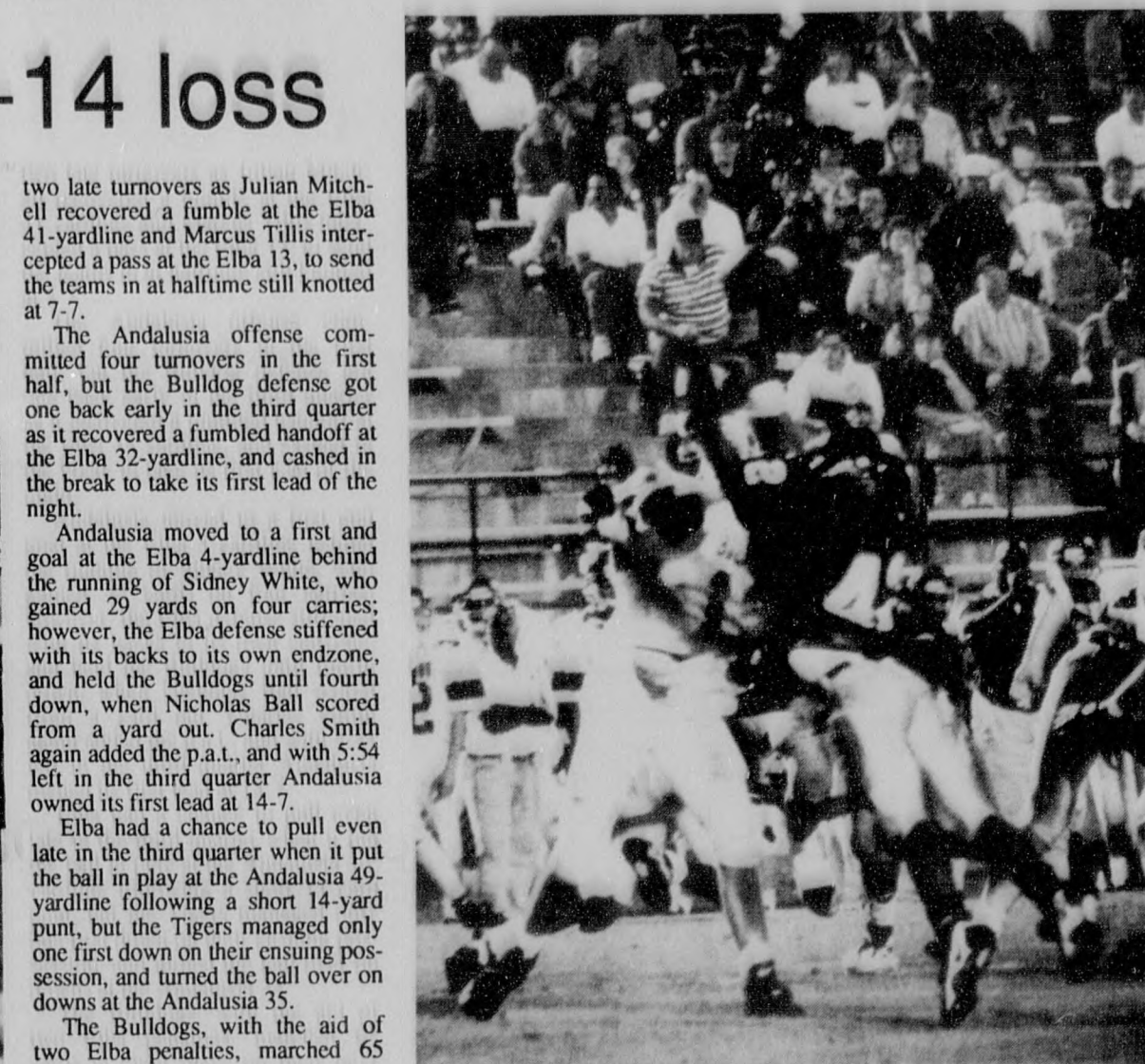


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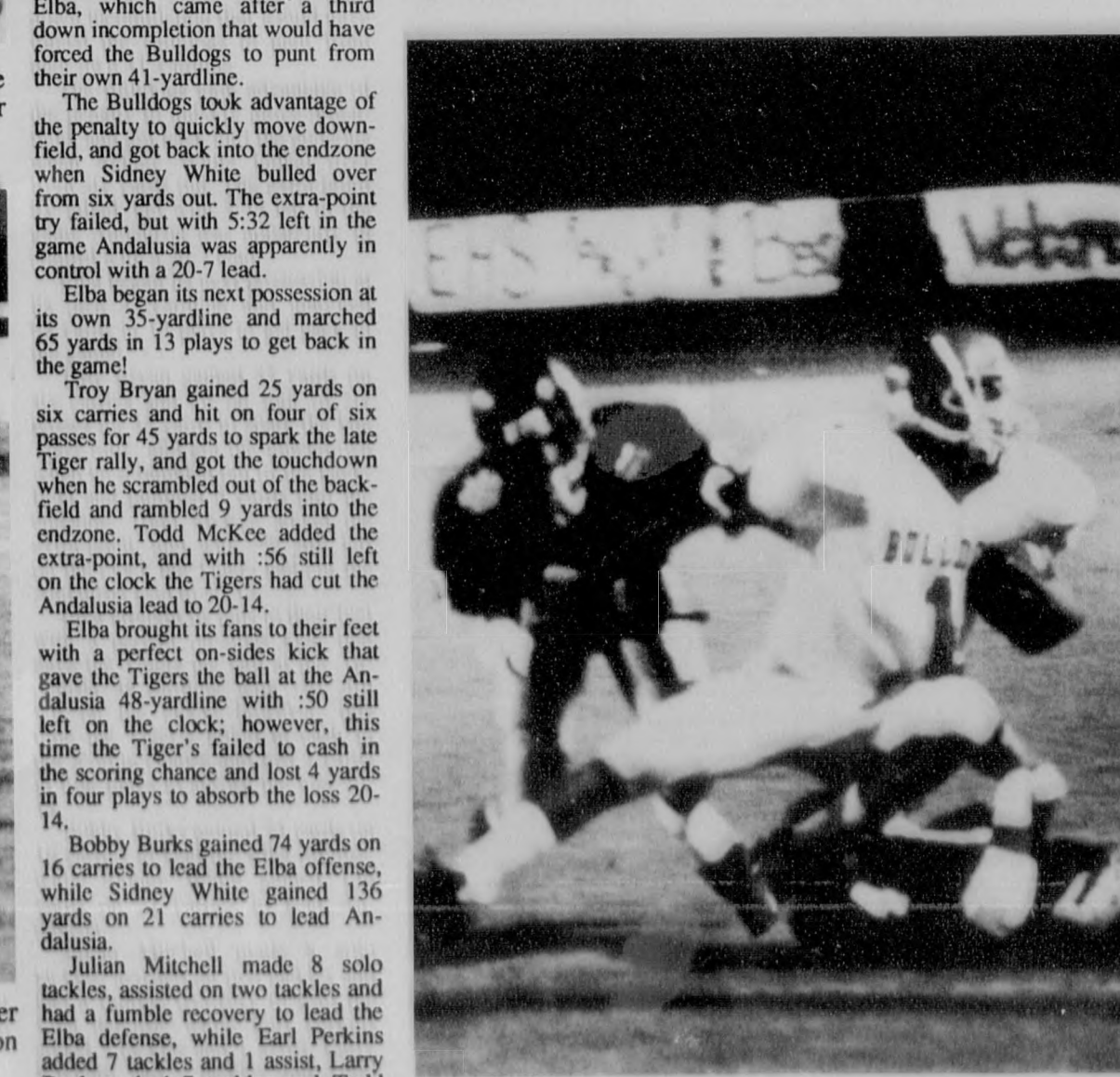
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Elba's Alex Daniels (42) applies heavy pressure to the Andalusia quarterback in the Tigers' 20-14 loss Friday night. The Tigers will travel to Monroe County this week.



Elba's Keni Mitchell (4) drags down an Andalusia receiver after a short gain. The Tigers will travel to Monroe County Friday night in their regular season finale.

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Brockton bobbles give Luverne 41-3 win

Statistics by D'Anthony Brown, Sports Writer

The New Brockton Gamecocks played give-away Friday night as

they turned the ball over six times on turnovers to allow the Luverne Tigers to stroll to a 41-3 win, in Luverne.

The Gamecocks got the first break of the game when Maurice

Jones recovered a Luverne fumble at the Tigers' 33-yardline, and the Gamecocks cashed in the early scoring opportunity as Sebastian Cormier booted a 35-yard field goal to give New Brockton a surprising 1-0 lead with 4:00 left in the first quarter.

Luverne bounced right back after the early Brockton score, and marched 68 yards in seven plays to grab a 7-3 advantage.

The score came on a 10-yard run by Corey Green, and Sheenan Samples added the extra-point, as Luverne moved on top 7-3 with 2:26 left in the opening stanza.

The highly-ranked Tigers got the ball right back on a fumble recovery near midfield, and this time needed four plays to get into the endzone.

A 25-yard scamper by Corey Green was a key play in the short scoring march, while the score came when Pat Campbell raced in from seven yards out. Samples booted the extra-point, pushing the Tigers' lead to 14-3 with :58 remaining in the first quarter.

Luverne failed to take advantage of a New Brockton bobble on its next possession, but got the ball right back on yet another Gamecock fumble, and this time drove 38 yards in four plays to extend its lead.

The touchdown came on a 30-yard pass from Keon Carter to Rodney Lowery, and Samples added the extra-point as Luverne scored its third touchdown in less than three minutes to grab a 21-3 lead with 9:52 left in the half.

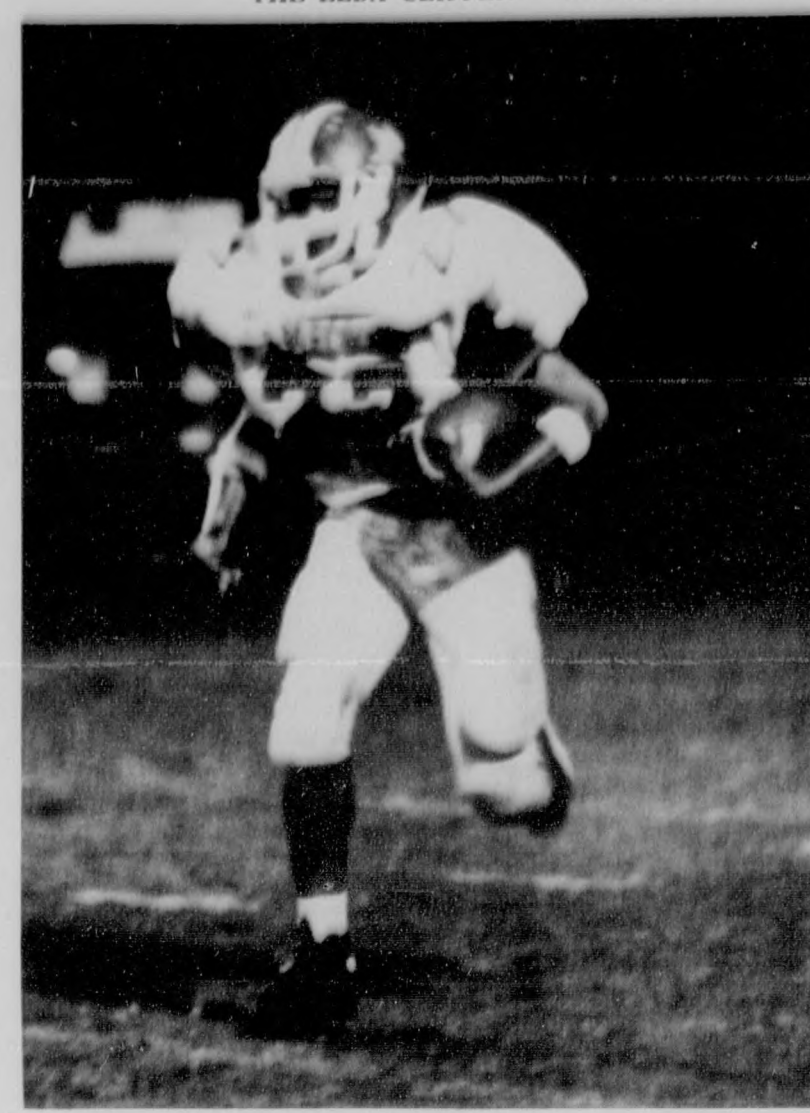
Luverne began its next offensive series at midfield after a Gamecock punt and marched 50 yards in three plays to get back in the endzone.

Cecil Jackson got the score on a 15-yard scamper, and Samples booted the extra-point, as the Tigers took command with a 28-3 lead with 6:23 left in the half.

Luverne received the second half kickoff and marched 50 yards in three plays to add to its lead.

The touchdown came on a 10-yard pass from Keon Carter to Andie Parks, and while the extra-point try failed, it made little difference as Luverne's lead stood at 34-3 with 11:02 still left in the third

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New Brockton's Jerry Haynes (22) heads upfield after pulling in a kickoff in the Gamecocks' 41-3 loss to Luverne. New Brockton will meet Zion Chapel Friday night in Jack.

quarter. The New Brockton defense came up with a turnover of its own on the Tigers' next possession, but failed to take advantage of the turnover, and gave the ball back on downs.

Luverne's final points of the game came after New Brockton's fourth fumble of the night, and was scored when Keevie McMillan bulled over from five yards out. Samples made it five of six with the extra-point, and with 9:57 left in the game the Tigers had the win wrapped up with a 41-3 advantage.

Luverne threatened to add to its lead late in the game; however, the Gamecocks refused to let the Ti-

| STATISTICS | | |
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| NB | L | |
| 10 | 1st Downs | 20 |
| 114 | Rushing Yds. | 286 |
| 37 | Passing Yds. | 57 |
| 151 | Total Offense | 343 |
| 4-12-2 | Passes | 4-8-0 |
| 5/4 | Fumbles Lost | 4/2 |

Panthers paw Brantley 41-0

By Greg Brunson, Sports Writer

The Brantley Bulldogs showed a lot of heart Friday night by just getting on the field after the tragic loss of three classmates in a Thursday night automobile accident, and it wasn't hard to see that the Bulldogs that did take the field didn't really want to be there.

Coach Roland Jones gave his players a lot of pep talk, and only a total of six players in grades 10-12 felt they could play.

In summary, it was a long night, for the Bulldogs as they traveled to Georgiana and fell to the powerful Panthers 41-0.

Georgiana took the opening kickoff and needed only four plays to cover the 80 yards to the endzone. Melvin Hall got the touchdown on a 30-yard dash up the middle, and although a pass for two points failed to connect, the Panthers were on top 6-0 with 10:33 left in the opening stanza.

Georgiana broke through to block a Bulldog punt later in the opening stanza, setting the Panthers up at the Brantley 2-yardline. Quarterback Chad Peavy got the touchdown on a one-yard sneak, and Henry Gilmore added the extra-point to push Georgiana's lead to 13-0 with 4:05 left in the quarter.

Peavy hit Lakeith Pennington with a 38-yard touchdown strike late in the first quarter to cap a three play, 56 yards drive, as the Panthers extended their lead to 20-0, and on their next possession the Panthers drove 72 yards in 8 plays to get back into the endzone. Gilmore

cracked over the goal line from seven yards out for the score and then hoisted the extra-point to tie the Georgiana lead to 27-0 with 9:57 remaining in the half.

Georgiana took advantage of its second blocked punt of the game later in the quarter, as Melvin Hall capped a short 26-yard drive with a 3-yard TD run. Gilmore's p.a.t. was in, and at the half Georgiana was in command with a 34-0 advantage.

Lakeith Pennington ended the scoring for the Panthers late in the third quarter with a 15-yard scoring

jaunt, and Gilmore again added the extra-point, as Georgiana easily posted the 41-0 win.

| STATISTICS | | |
|------------|---------------|--------|
| B | G | |
| 4 | 1st Downs | 17 |
| 26-38 | Rushes-Yds. | 38-320 |
| 30 | Passing Yds. | 73 |
| 68 | Total Offense | 393 |
| 5-11-1 | Passes | 3-7-0 |
| 20 | Penalty Yds. | 61 |
| 1 | Fumbles Lost | 0 |
| 4-20 | Punts-Ave. | 0-00 |

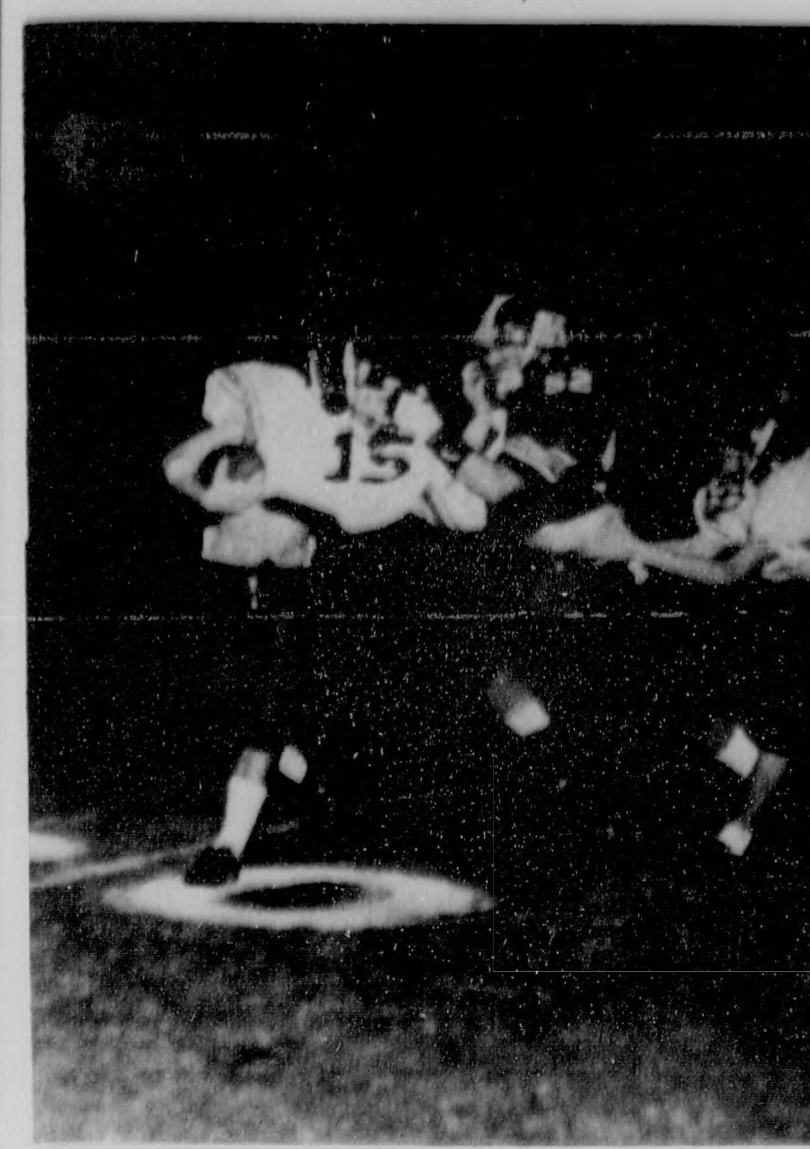


SOMETIMES IT IS FUN AND SOMETIMES IT'S JUST A JOB... Brantley coaches watch the action in Georgiana.

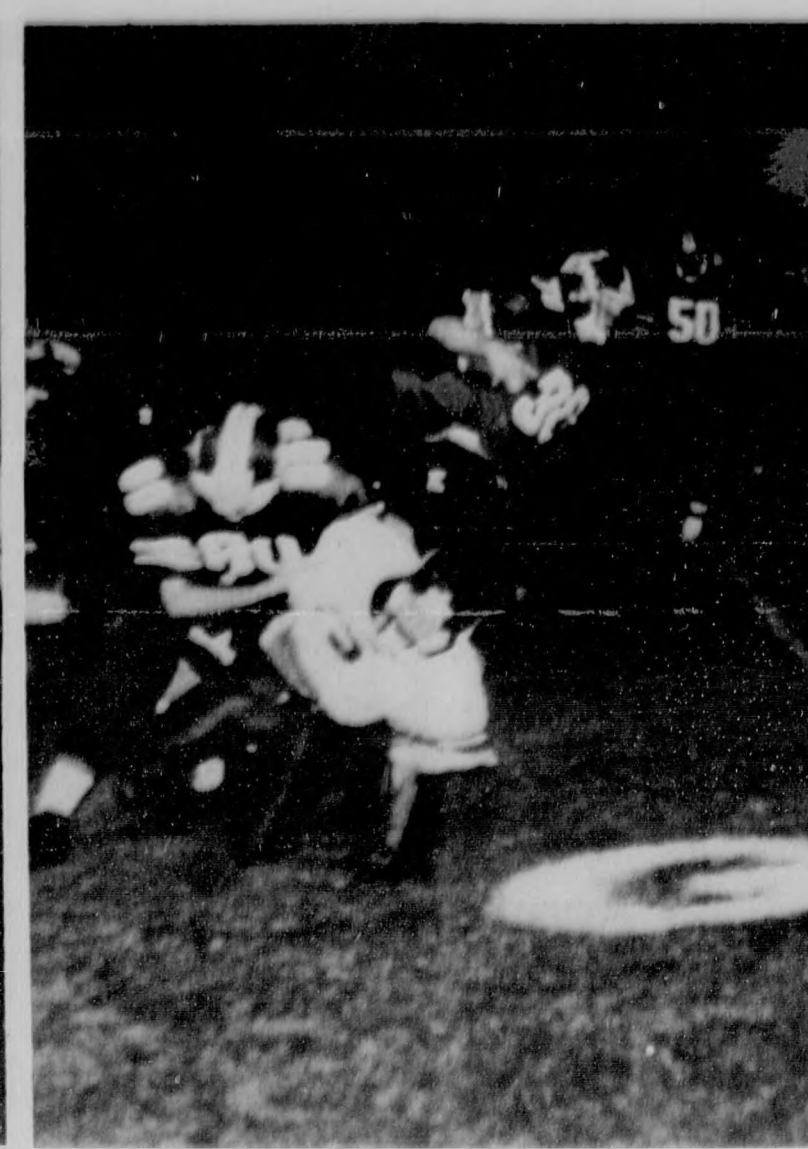
ELBA JUNIOR HIGH TIGERS 1996-97 BOY'S & GIRL'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME | TEAMS |
|-----------|----------------|------|------|---------------|
| NOV.7 | DAUPHIN JR. | HOME | 5:00 | 8B,9C,9B |
| NOV.12 | ENTERPRISE JR. | AWAY | 5:00 | 8B,9C,9B |
| NOV.14 | BRANTLEY | HOME | 6:00 | 7B,8B |
| NOV.18 | NEW BROCKTON | AWAY | 5:00 | 9C,9B |
| NOV.19 | ZION CHAPEL | AWAY | 5:00 | 7B,9C,8B |
| NOV.21 | OPP JUNIOR | AWAY | 4:30 | 7B,7-8C,8B,9B |
| NOV.25 | SAMSON | HOME | 5:00 | 9C,9B |
| NOV.26 | ASHFORD | HOME | 5:00 | 9C |
| DEC.2 | DAUPHIN JR. | AWAY | 5:00 | 8B,9C,9B |
| DEC.5 | ENTERPRISE JR. | HOME | 5:00 | 8B,9C,9B |
| DEC.9 | NEW BROCKTON | HOME | 5:00 | 9C,9B |
| DEC.10 | ANDALUSIA JR. | HOME | 4:00 | 7-8G,7B |
| DEC.11 | BRANTLEY | AWAY | 6:00 | 7B,8B |
| DEC.12 | SAMSON | AWAY | 5:00 | 9C,9B |
| DEC.16 | OPP JUNIOR | HOME | 4:30 | 7B,7-8C,8B,9B |
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Zion Chapel quarterback Wade Parker (15) tries to pull away from Kinston's Clint Patterson (52) during action in Friday night's 48-0 Bulldog victory.



Kinston's Jeremy Osborn (30) heads for the endzone behind the block of teammate Ronnie Sansom (80). The Bulldogs will host Houston Academy Friday for the area title.



Zion Chapel 8th grader Patrick Oglesby (1) heads in motion during action Friday night in Kinston. The Rebels will close out the season this week against New Brockton.

Kinston Bulldogs celebrate with 48-0 win

By Johnny Higgins, Sports Writer

The Kinston Bulldogs invited the Zion Chapel Rebels to their homecoming party Friday night, but turned out to be rude hosts as they ripped the Rebels 48-0, to wrap-up a playoff berth.

The win improved Kinston's record to 4-5, 2-0 in Area 4 play, while Zion Chapel fell to 1-7 with

the loss, 0-3 in Area 4 competition.

The Kinston defense held firm on Zion Chapel's first possession of the game, and turned the ball over to the Bulldog offense at its 45-yardline following a 23-yard punt return by Chancy Lashley.

A 13-yard pass from Jason Williams to Adam Hawthorne quickly moved the Dogs to a first down at the ZC 42, and Kinston then used

its ground forces to finish off the seven play, 55 yard drive, with the score coming on a 17-yard run by Adam Osborn. Williams ran in a faked extra-point try for a two-point conversion, and with 6:15 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs were on top 8-0.

Kinston got the ball back on a Wade Parker fumble at the Rebel 47-yardline and again quickly moved downfield, with Jeremy Osborn notching the touchdown on a 15-yard scamper. The extra-point attempt was blocked, but with 1:45 left in the stanza Kinston was on its way with a 14-0 advantage.

Jeremy Osborn returned the next Zion Chapel punt 24 yards to set the Bulldogs up at the Rebels' 38-yardline, and one play later the Bulldogs were back in the endzone as Adam Osborn took a handoff and sprinted 35 yards to paydirt. Jeremy

Osborn's p.a.t. try was successful, moving the Kinston lead to 21-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Tommy Gulledge fumbled the ball back to Kinston at the Bulldogs' 46-yardline on the next possession of the game, and this time Kinston covered the 54 yards to the endzone in just two plays, with Bishop Edwards getting 29 yards on first down and Jeremy Osborn reaching the endzone on a 25-yard scamper. Osborn added the extra-point, and with 8:45 still left in the second quarter the Bulldogs were in command with a 28-0 advantage.

Zion Chapel fumbled the ball away at its own 1-yardline to put the Bulldogs right back in business, and Kinston cashed in on the turnover when Ronnie Lowman bulled over the goal line. Jeremy Osborn again nailed the extra-point attempt, as Kinston extended its lead to 35-0

with 6:35 remaining in the half.

Zion Chapel turned the ball over on downs at its own 47-yardline on its next offensive series, and Kinston responded with a six play drive that was capped by a 25-yard touchdown run by Chancy Lashley. Bishop Edwards had a 28 yard run during the scoring march, and Osborn added the p.a.t. to give the Bulldogs a whopping 42-0 lead with :13 left on the clock in the second quarter.

Kinston scored the only points of the second half when reserve fullback Ricky Morris went 47 yards up the middle. The extra-point try was blocked; however, it was time to party in Kinston as the Bulldogs had the win in the bag by the score of 48-0.

The Bulldog offense used 11 different running backs in the game, with Adam Osborn leading the pack with 101 yards on just 5 carries. Jeremy Osborn added 64 yards on six carries, while Bishop Edwards gained 64 yards on seven carries and Ricky Morris gained 60 yards on 3 totes.

David Wise led an inspired defense with 7 solo tackles and 4 assists, while Michael Farris added 9 total tackles and Shawn Moore had 7 stops.

Tommy Gulledge gained 36 yards on 14 carries to lead Zion Chapel.

| STATISTICS | | |
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| K | ZC | |
| 8 | 1st Downs | 4 |
| 363 | Rushing Yds. | 47 |
| 13 | Passing Yds. | 16 |
| 376 | Total Offense | 63 |
| 1-6-0 | Passes | 3-12-2 |
| 1 | Fumbles Lost | 3 |
| 140 | Return Yds. | 53 |
| 70 | Penalty Yds. | 30 |

Georgiana Panther cheerleaders displayed their feelings toward the Brantley students and fans with a sign that expressed their sorrow over the loss of three Brantley teenagers in a tragic automobile accident last week.



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***The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will begin registration for its "Youth Basketball League" on Nov. 4-15. Registration forms will be passed out to all boys and girls at the Elba Elementary School, and to all seventh grade students at Elba High School. Forms will also be available at City Hall, in Elba, and at the Elba Recreation Center. Fees are \$10 per participant, \$15 for two participants in the same family and \$20 for more than two participants in the same family. First-time participants should provide a copy of their birth certificate.

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dedication on October 18, 1997, the drive to locate and register women veterans and active duty service-women intensifies. The goal of the registration drive is to document the stories of women's deeds, sacrifices, and service. Each registration submission includes the photo, military history, and personal memories of a service-woman. These stories will be displayed through the Memorial's computerized database and will be accessible to the public. Of the 19,500 estimated women veterans in Alabama, only 1,000 have been registered thus far. The Department of Veterans Affairs, the major advocate for Alabama veterans, is assisting in the effort to locate and register women veterans. If you are a woman who served in the U.S. armed forces at any time, or are currently serving, or know of a woman you would like to register, please call 1-800-4-SALUTE (472-5883) or write to The Women's Memorial, Dept. 560, Washington, DC 20042-0560.

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